



## Bahrain warns against sabotage, violence

MANAMA (AFP) — Bahrain's government issued a severe warning on Friday against any repetition of what it described as "acts of sabotage and violence" which shook the archipelago from December 1991 to April.

"No state would tolerate such acts or be lenient towards the perpetrators," Crown Prince Sheikh Hamad Ben Isa Al Khalifa told local newspapers.

"Those who responded to directions from foreign parties, using methods of sabotage and violence, had broken the law. They are traitors who must face the due process of the law," he added, without naming the parties involved.

"The people of Bahrain would not allow such acts to take place," he said, paying tribute to the emir, Sheikh Isa Ben Salman Al Khalifa, for his "wisdom" in freeing some of those arrested during the unrest.

The authorities have freed nearly 250 people since August, after an agreement with the opposition providing for a phased release of the detainees held without trial in exchange for normalisation.

The riots started after the arrest of a Shiite Muslim cleric, Sheikh Ali Salman, who was deported to London in January. At least twelve people were killed in the unrest.

In September, Amnesty International said 4,000 people were arrested during the violence, nearly 150 of whom were sentenced to jail terms ranging from six months to life imprisonment. One person, convicted of murder, was sentenced to death, it added.

## Rafsanjani hails black march

TEHRAN (AP) — Iran's president said Friday that the strong Islamic undertones of the million-man march in Washington were undeniable proof that this nation's revolutionary message had been carried to all parts of the world.

"The march was an indication of the deep sociopolitical crises in the United States," Hashemi Rafsanjani told worshippers gathered at Tehran University for weekly prayers.

"An important point of the march, and one which must have been very bitter for the American (government) to swallow, was the Islamic manifestations at this congre-

gation," Mr. Rafsanjani said.

He suggested much of the religious displays at the march had been censored by the U.S. government, saying the world had gotten only a glimpse of the Islamic message of the event.

Last Monday's million-man march to promote black solidarity was attended by anywhere from 400,000 to 870,000 black American men.



PRISON MOVED: Palestinian women wave good-bye to detainees being transferred from the Jenin prison in the occupied West Bank to another jail in Israel ahead of the Israeli army deployment in the West Bank to allow for Palestinian self-rule under the Sept. 28 agreement signed in Washington between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (see story on page one) (AFP photo)

## Sickness and despair among expelled Palestinians stuck at no-man's land

THE EGYPTIAN-LIBYAN BORDER (AFP) — Sickness and despair are taking their toll at a steadily growing tent camp sheltering about 1,000 Palestinians expelled from Libya and stranded in no-man's land.

Rain and wind storms have worsened conditions at the camp set up by Libya for the Palestinians it has deported, and the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) has reported 67 cases of diarrhoea among children.

"There is stagnant water in the camp and the residents are having to see to their daily abolitions in the open air because there is no sanitation. The conditions are right for sickness and epidemics," said UNHCR spokesman Panos Mourtzis.

With tents left open to the raging winds, the residents

only have a few blankets with which to keep warm as the nights get progressively cooler.

"How can we go on living here. Winter is coming, the winds are blowing and the tents are not strong enough to resist the downpours," said Abdul Rahim Shabani.

The stranded Palestinians blame the outbreak of diarrhoea on polluted water brought in containers by the Libyan authorities. On Thursday the UNHCR supplied them with 1,200 bottles of water.

Several fear that cholera could spread to the camp with the arrival daily of between 10 to 15 more people from Libya, where a few cases have already been reported.

"The majority have not been able to take a bath since they arrived at the beginning

of October," said Hisham, 50, who waits for nightfall when residents are asleep to wash in the dark with a jerry-can of water.

"I am scared I will be bitten by a scorpion but I still take the risk," he said, only giving his first name.

Firyal Mohammad Gaber, 32, is heavily pregnant with her fifth child.

"I don't know how I can give birth in these conditions," she said. Another woman embarrassed complained about the lack of sanitary towels.

Not knowing when they can leave and where they will go, only adds to the distress. And the Libyan authorities are blowing hot and cold.

On Tuesday Libyan liaison officer Salem Abu Shaala arrived with a list of 13 students allowed to return to Libya to finish their studies. He promised others would be allowed to follow, the Palestinians said.

But the promise was never kept, dashing their hopes.

And the U.N.'s refusal to lift an air embargo on Libya to allow it to organise 2,500 flights to repatriate 1.17 million African foreign workers sent shock waves through residents fearing thousands of new arrivals at the already cramped camp.

Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi began to expel the Palestinians at the beginning of September to show up the failure of the autonomy accords with Israel to create a Palestinian homeland.

About 5,000 have already been thrown out on top of the 1,000 still stranded at the border, denied entry by Egypt and refused to allow return to Libya.

Shiites support Saddam 100% despite violent crackdown

KARBALA (AFP) — The gun and cannon fire that Iraqi troops unleashed on the holy cities of Karbala and Najaf to crush the 1991 Shiite Muslim unrest have few echoes today.

Nobody wants to talk about the events.

"How is the situation here," a reporter asked a man with a pleasant smile.

"I don't want to speak. I don't want to speak," he said, still smiling.

"If you don't want to speak, maybe there is something wrong," the reporter said. "Oh, there are many things," the man replied before slipping away.

But there was no sign of any protest vote in Sunday's referendum to give President Saddam Hussein another seven years in power.

All the 270,867 voters in Karbala voted "yes" for President Saddam, while 335,637 voted for the 335,637 for him in Najaf, the 69 other ballots being declared void, officials said.

The three Royal Green

Jacket regiments, charged with manslaughter, abduction, and conspiracy to rape, backed the claims when all three this week took the stand for the first time, testifying that no formal arrest took place.

Only the rubble of buildings razed to the ground bears testimony to the violence of the unrest and government crackdown following Iraq's eviction from Kuwait in the 1991 Gulf war.

Several thousand people

died in Karbala and Najaf, the site of the mausoleum of the first Imam Ali, founder of Shi'ite Islam.

Karbala is a stark reminder of the unrest.

Markets which stretched between the mosques of Al Hussein and Al Abbas are now nothing but a vast square of rubble and dust.

Iraqi troops used massive force to dislodge rebels who had holed up in the mosques.

The government has given priority to restoring them: gilded domes and minarets, blue porcelain and white marble facades, and crystal ceilings loomed over burial sites.

"We had a lot of trouble rebuilding the mosque, 80 per cent of which was destroyed by bandits," Sheikh Abdul Khalik, an official at Al Hussein Mosque, said.

"The marble should have come from Italy and we were unable to obtain wood of the quality we wanted," he said.

But he added Saddam Hussein had quickly ordered the central bank to deliver 100 kilograms of gold and 200 kilograms of silver for the repair of the buildings.

There are projects to build hotels and parking lots in the empty square between the

mosques, according to the official in charge, wearing a business suit beneath a long juba or robe-like coat.

In the meantime, bulldozers finished clearing the rubble where hundreds of men, women in traditional Muslim dress, and children were trying to sell whatever they could to make a living.

In Najaf, reconstruction was quicker.

None of the past splendours of the souk, or market, outside the main entrance of the recently rebuilt Al Ali Mosque, could be seen.

The embargo has impoverished everybody in Iraq, especially the Shiites who account for 60 per cent of Iraqis and are the poorest.

It was in Najaf that Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini lived for 14 years before he drove the Shah out of Iran. His old house still stands in a somber sidestreet filled with garbage and rubble, beside the street of the Prophet and near the mosque.

The official in charge was reluctant to show the building which looked more like a haunted house. "Iraq protected him for 14 years and as soon as he went home he launched a war against us."

## Egypt detains extradited militants

CAIRO (R) — Egypt has detained six members of a guerrilla group extradited from Yemen on charges of belonging to an illegal organisation and plotting against the state, security sources said on Friday.

They said the men, members of the violent Jihad group which assassinated former President Anwar Sadat, were also charged with trying to destroy national institutions and security.

The sources said Egyptian police arrested the six on their arrival from Yemen. Details of when they were extradited and how long they had lived in Yemen were not immediately available.

Egypt maintains that many militants opposed to President Hosni Mubarak's rule live in Sudan and Yemen and has asked the two countries to extradite them to Cairo for trial.

Jihad, which now calls itself the Vanguard of Conquest, shot dead Sadat at a military parade in 1981.

Egyptian newspapers named the men as Mohammad Mousri, Mohammad Badawi, Ahmad Abdul Rahim, Mohammad Abu Gabal, Ayman Helmy and Mohammad Al Sharqawi and said they were being questioned by the prosecutor-general for planning to assassinate key figures and blow up strategic targets in Egypt.

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Sixty-four members of the

militants have limited their

activities but the country's

largest Islamist group, the Gamma Al Islamiyah, is still active in southern provinces.

More than 800 people have been killed and scores wounded in the clashes between police and militants since the Gamma launched its campaign to establish a purist Islamic state in Egypt three years ago.

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"It is not possible to give

them other, illegal, means.

There is no such thing," Mr. Ben-Yair said.

He was told "Liska," a newspaper for attorneys.

"We will not open torture

chambers to replace (the

gathering of) intelligence."

The interview came as a

ministerial committee de-

cided Thursday to extend for

three more months a special

permit for the Shin Bet to use

tough methods, including

staking, during interrogations

of militants suspected of

plotting attacks against

Israel.

With the special permit ex-

tended, interrogators may

shake suspects only after get-

ting authorisation from the

Shin Bet chief.

The Shin Bet has been

using tougher methods over

the past two years, ever since

militants opposed to Israel-

Palestine Liberation Orga-

nisation (PLO) peaceaking

launched campaign of shoot-

ings and suicide bombings

that have killed dozens of

Iranian officials.

"We regard what the am-

bassador has said was a

confirmation of his govern-

ment's attitude towards the

Sudan unless (it) demon-

strated otherwise by punishing

or recalling him for his hos-

tile campaign," Mr. Sarraj said.

Mr. Mende was quoted last

Sunday by the state news

agency SUNA as saying at a

scientific conference that

Germany would no longer

provide assistance to Sudan

because of its human rights

record, adding that students

had been killed in Sudanese

prisons.

## Plans for Israeli singer to visit Yemen draw fire

SANAA (R) — Yemeni opposition newspapers on Friday condemned plans to host an Israeli singer of

Yemeni origin next month in Yemen as a step towards normalising relations with the Jewish state.

Al Thawri weekly, organ of

the main opposition Yemeni Socialist Party (YSP),

said: "The government has no right to take such a step without explicit support from the whole of the Yemeni public."

Another opposition weekly, Al Wahdawi, said on Wednesday the government "seems to have made up its mind for the option of normalisation with the Zionist entity."

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Hassan "has played a big role  
in promoting the Yemeni song  
in international song festi-  
vals" and would sing at  
concerts in a number of Yemeni  
cities.

General attack  
interrogation

Bet gave misleading demon-  
strations of the state  
method to ministers of  
Israel's previous govern-  
ment.

After Hanza's death, "I  
saw a video demonstrating  
the shaking and it was com-  
pletely different from what  
was outlined in the pro-  
cedures," Mr. Ben-Yair said.  
"We concluded that it  
could not be used as a  
normal interrogation method."

"I am not willing to see  
every Palestinian youth as  
a black beard who is deter-  
mined to question and end up  
damaged," he said.

Interrogators should not  
use the shaking method  
they believe that might  
extract information that could  
prevent a large and re-  
sponsible calamity," Mr. Ben-  
Yair said.

Tensions between the Bet  
and Mr. Ben-Yair led  
to a head in August when  
a suicide bus bombing in Jer-  
usalem killed five, includ-  
ing the Hanza bombers.

The Shin Bet chief later  
revealed that the mastermind  
of the bombing was with  
the agency's custody, two days  
before the blast. He also  
planned at the time that the  
government had lied the han-  
dover of interrogators with  
many restrictions.

But Mr. Ben-Yair said  
Thursday's interview that  
interrogators had all means  
at their disposal and blamed  
failure to stop the attack  
on poor decision-making by the  
Shin Bet.

Right-wing lawmaker Re-  
havam Zeev said Mr. Ben-  
Yair did not understand the  
Shin Bet was in control  
of war against Palestinian  
militants.

"We forget that we are  
at war and in a war you have  
to act as in a war and not as  
methods that are not  
suitable for other less  
aggressive countries," Mr. Ben-  
Yair said.

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## Sri Lanka mob backlash averted after rebel attack

COLOMBO (R) — Sri Lanka extended a curfew in Colombo after Tamil Tiger guerrillas blew up two oil depots Friday to sabotage fuel supplies and stall an army push in the rebel-held north, military sources said.

At least 20 people died when the rebels, including black Tiger suicide bombers, blew up two of Sri Lanka's three oil depots and fired on security forces, they said.

The sources said looters were reported to be ransacking homes abandoned near the blaze ignited by the daring attack.

An official said troops fired into the air to prevent Sinhalese mobs from attacking Tamil residents on two different occasions near the oil installations, blown up by Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) rebels early Friday.

The government extended the curfew in the capital until 4 a.m. Saturday (2230 GMT Friday) after it passed its midday (0630 GMT) deadline Friday, amid reports that looters were at work in homes abandoned near the blaze, they said.

### Bangladesh strike ends with hints of more chaos

DHAKA (R) — Bangladesh began returning to normal Friday after the country's longest general strike, but the opposition's leader hinted further efforts to topple Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia could be more fierce.

The opposition-led strike, which began Monday, ended at 6 a.m. (0000 GMT) Friday, with traffic allowed to move again on the nation's roads.

Protesters who had camped outside their homes through the four-day stoppage pulled out and security forces withdrew to their barracks, witnesses said.

Government officials said each strike day costs the country about \$15 million. Market sources said the price of food and other essentials jumped at least 20

per cent during the strike.

The strike was called by three main opposition parties — the Awami League led by Sheikh Hasina, the Jatiya Party and the Jamaat-E-Islami — in their continuing efforts to topple Mrs. Khaleda and force elections under a neutral caretaker administration.

Mrs. Hasina told her followers late Thursday the next moves to oust Mrs. Khaleda could be more fierce but she still hoped the prime minister would "come to her senses".

The strike virtually crippled three-fourths of the country of 110 million, shutting down transport, business and other activities.

Two people were killed and more than 500 injured in clashes in strike-related

violence across the country, police said.

The northern Rajshahi Division was exempted from the strike after recent floods there claimed more than 400 lives.

The opposition accuses Mrs. Khaleda of by-election fraud and sweeping corruption and says no elections under her would be free and fair.

They want non-partisan caretaker government, preferably headed by the chief justice, to supervise the next election, and maybe three or four other future polls to "institutionalise democracy" in this South Asian country.

Mrs. Khaleda has rejected the demands as unconstitutional.

Almost all opposition legislators resigned in December

told Reuters. "The ministry has told me that we are short of fuel."

Fire Chief J. Kanangara said five or six tanks at the Kollomawa Reserve, holding diesel, kerosene and other finished products, were ablaze, but the fire was being contained.

Both depots are about six kilometres from the city centre. Nearby residents fled for their lives.

Military sources told Reuters the aviation fuel shortage could affect air support for a major army push against the rebels in their Jaffna peninsula stronghold which began Tuesday.

The rebels, fighting for a homeland in the north and east, are currently under siege in the rebel-held northern Jaffna peninsula, attacked by an estimated 10,000 soldiers in an operation launched Tuesday.

The military says 62 soldiers were killed and more than 250 wounded in the operation.

Military analysts have long feared a rebel attack in the capital to divert the armed forces' attention from the north.



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### Seoul starts probe into ex-president's finances

SEOUL (R) — South Korea's Prime Minister Lee Hong-Koo announced Friday an investigation into allegations that former President Roh Tae-Woo had amassed hundreds of millions of dollars during his term in office.

"The government will conduct an investigation to clear citizens' suspicions. The probe will begin immediately," Mr. Lee's spokesman quoted him as telling the National Assembly.

He said the decision was reached at a meeting of top ministers Thursday.

On the same day, opposition lawmaker Park Kyung-Dong brandished docu-

ments in parliament which he said proved that military-backed President Roh was illegally holding 400 billion won (\$522 million) of slush funds in 40 false or borrowed-name bank accounts.

Saying his information came from commercial bankers and individuals who had lent Mr. Roh their accounts, he demanded an immediate investigation.

Mr. Roh's office has denied the allegations.

An investigation by government prosecutors into similar allegations in August uncovered no evidence, but opposition parties dismissed the probe as a whitewash.

On Friday, opposition

groups demanded a thorough investigation to clear up all suspicions.

"It is important that everyone is sure there is no slush fund. The investigation must be thorough this time," said an official at the main opposition National Congress for New Politics.

The latest allegations sent the stock market slumping Thursday and Friday.

The fear is that an official investigation could flush out huge sums of black money used to play the markets. Individuals holding financial assets under false or borrowed names are subject to fines of 30 per cent of the assets.

President Kim Young-

Sam issued an emergency decree in 1993 outlawing false-name accounts as part of his drive against corruption and tax evasion.

Shares in the Sunkyong group 78230ks affiliate companies and Dong Bang corp 16500ks, businesses whose chairmen are linked by marriage to Mr. Roh, were among the biggest losers.

South Korea is going through a painful period of transition from military-backed rule to democracy and dirty secrets of the past are coming into the open.

Slush funds topped up by contributions from big business are widely thought to have been a hidden part of

### Rao gets good news before election

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — With elections just a few months away, Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao is getting his first good news in a long time.

Mr. Rao's Congress Party has been sliding in popularity for the last two years. It lost a series of key state elections; influential leaders broke away, charging corruption and misrule; and public dissent rose over Mr. Rao's economic reforms, which seemed to benefit the middle class but not the poor.

Pundits had virtually written off Mr. Rao's chances of reelection next year. Most predicted a standoff with Congress' chief rival, the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party, or BJP.

Now, Mr. Rao is watching his political enemies being stricken with troubles similar to his own.

On Tuesday, the chief executive of Uttar Pradesh, India's largest and most politically powerful state, resigned when her coalition unraveled after only four months.

Mayawati, who uses only one name, led a small party that appealed to low-caste Hindus. It governed on the strength of its alliance with the BJP.

The day after she quit, Mr. Rao's government imposed federal rule on the state, giving executive powers to a New Delhi-appointed

governor rather than any elected party.

Earlier this month, a contest for power rocked the western industrial state of Gujarat and nearly split the party.

The quarreling demolished the BJP's reputation as a highly disciplined, cohesive party — one of its main selling points to the voter.

In August, the populist government of Andhra Pradesh — Mr. Rao's home state where Congress was humbled in an election last year — collapsed because of a family feud. The chief minister's sons-in-law ousted him, claiming that his second wife was meddling in official affairs.

"Given the present state of disarray in opposition parties, the mess in Mr. Rao's own back yard suddenly does not seem so intractable as before," wrote political analyst Ajay Bose in the Pioneer Daily.

The disintegration of the Uttar Pradesh alliance set back the BJP's effort to build credibility with low-caste workers and farmers, and to shake off its image as a party of business and Brahmins, the highest caste.

Despite India's efforts to dismantle caste barriers, the ancient social hierarchy of Hinduism remains a potent force in politics.

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### SPD set for mauling in Berlin election

BERLIN (R) — Germany's opposition Social Democrats (SPD) look set to reap the fallout of months of internal bickering with a disastrous result in a state election this Sunday in the once divided city of Berlin.

A poll by Infratest Burke Berlin had the SPD diving to just 25 per cent from the 30 per cent it won in the 1990 election — scarcely a challenge to Chancellor Helmut Kohl's Christian Democrats (CDU), who were set to poll around 40 per cent.

The political atmosphere is shaped by a drastic decline in support for the SPD. It has lost five per cent in the last month alone," said the Berlin daily *Der Tagesspiegel*.

A poor election result in the new capital, due to house the German parliament by the year 2000, would deal an emotional blow to the party on local

and national level — a far cry from the cold war years when West Berlin was a party stronghold.

SPD leader Rudolf Scharping put on a brave face and dismissed speculation that a bad result could fan a smouldering row over his leadership and create pressure for him to resign.

Asked if he would still be leading the SPD after the election, he told German radio: "I have no doubt, and I cannot imagine that any one could have doubts about this."

The survey said the FDP were set to win a dismal 3.5 per cent in Berlin, halving their 1990 result and failing to clear the five per cent threshold needed to re-enter the assembly.

Such an embarrassing loss for the FDP in unified Germany's capital could undermine the position of Guenter Rexrodt, party chairman in Berlin, as eco-

nomics minister in the Bonn cabinet.

The election looks unlikely to change the present political line-up in Berlin and return a grand coalition of CDU in partnership with SPD led by a CDU mayor.

The battle for third place will be between the Greens, whom Infratest Burke put at 14 per cent, and the East German reform communist Party of Democratic Socialism (PDS). The parties won nine per cent each in the last election.

The pollster gave the PDS

— whose performance is often seen as a barometer for discontent in the east — 12.5 per cent, maintaining its level of support reached in the 1990 election.

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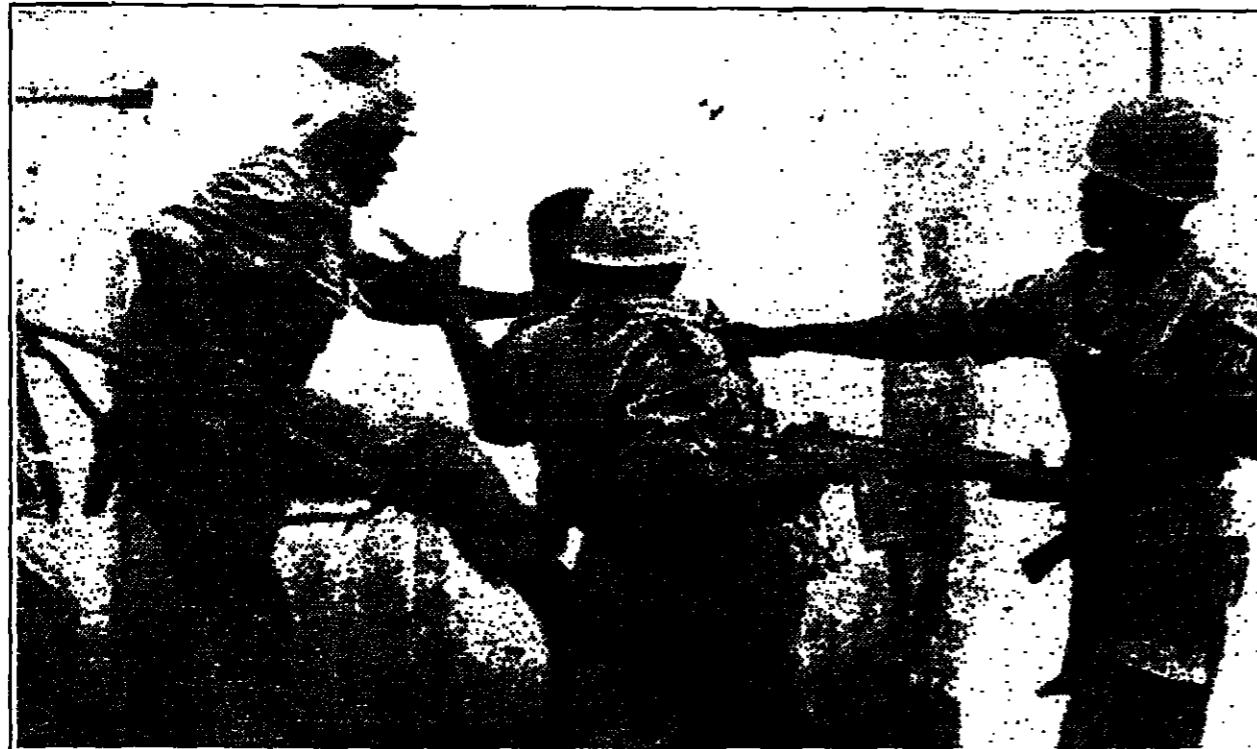
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Ivory Coast soldiers beat a man suspected of looting a pharmacy in Gagnoa a city 230 kilometres west of Abidjan. Opposition members erected barricades blocking the road and looted stores in protest against the upcoming elections (AFP photo)

### Ivorian army stands by to halt election violence

YAMOUSSOUKRO, Ivory Coast (R) — Ivory Coast's army stood ready Friday to help prevent fresh political violence before and during Sunday's presidential election, which the main opposition has vowed to disrupt.

Defence Minister Leon Konan Koffi said on state

radio and television that

President Henri Konan

Bedie, one of two candi-

dates contesting the poll,

had decided political unrest

that has killed at least eight

people must stop.

Government sources said

troops were standing by to

deploy and enable polling in

flashpoints in the key

cocoa-growing south west,

where the opposition has its

traditional power-base.

Religious leaders, mean-

while, urged all sides to step

back and avoid any action

that would escalate the

country's worst electoral

crisis since independence

from France in 1960.

"War is not inevitable,"

God says thou shalt not kill,

neither the weakest nor the strongest to satisfy personal appetites to conquer or consolidate power," Abidjan Archbishop Bernard Agne said on state television and radio in a statement addressed to both the opposition and the authorities.

Opposition chief Laurent Gbagbo, leading light in the campaign that brought multi-party politics to Ivory Coast in 1990, accuses the government of trying to rig Sunday's vote. "We have given orders for maximum disruption," he said Thursday.

Mr. Konan Koffi delivered the government response.

In talks after five people died in Oct. 2 clashes between protesters and security forces, the opposition dropped a demand for withdrawal of a disputed new electoral code.

But Monday it ordered its militants to defy a three-month government ban on street protests once again to secure postponement of Sunday's poll and a revision

of voter lists.

Mr. Bedie's opponent in Sunday's poll is law lecturer Francis Wodje of the small Ivorian Workers Party, who broke ranks with his opposition allies to stand.

Mr. Bedie wraps up his campaign one day early Friday in Yamoussoukro, birthplace of the nation's founding President Felix Houphouet-Boigny, whose mantle he is keen to assume.

Mr. Houphouet-Boigny defeated Mr. Gbagbo in Ivory Coast's disputed first multi-party presidential poll in 1990.

He was succeeded on his death in 1993 by Mr. Bedie in his then capacity as speaker of parliament, said before Thursday's announcement he was prepared to meet the opposition leaders provided they halted the protests.

He had left Saturday clear as a window of opportunity.

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es and meetings. The gap between the industrialized north and underdeveloped or developing south has been a constant theme in speeches by representatives from the 113 countries — a majority of the U.N.'s 185 members — attending the Cartagena summit.

The speeches, by everyone from non-aligned stalwarts like Cuba's Castro to Philippine President Fidel Ramos, a close U.S. ally, have referred specifically to the thorny issue of expanding the 15-nation Security Council.

The council's five permanent members — the United States, Russia, Britain, China and France — are the main World War II victors.

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The 69-year-old Cuban leader, a founder of the non-aligned group, flew out of the port city of Cartagena, the summit venue, at around 2 p.m. (1900 GMT), heading for Cuba, airport officials said.

No reason was given for his early departure from the summit, which was due to close Friday morning with the approval of a final declaration setting out the goals of the 113-member movement over the next three years.

Mr. Castro, who had flown to Cartagena Tuesday from Argentina where he had attended a two-day

Ibero-American summit, had looked pale and tired as he sat through several hours of speeches Wednesday by non-aligned heads of state and government. Just before leaving Thursday, he spoke briefly to Colombian reporters, his voice noticeably hoarse.

He had addressed the summit Wednesday, after his speech was brought forward from its originally scheduled time of Thursday. In a brief six-minute speech, commanded by the summit chairman for its brevity, the Cuban president called for radical reforms of the United Nations, especially its Security Council.

Mr. Castro was one of several heads of delegation, from both member and guest nations, who left early Thursday. Leaders from Nicaragua, Kuwait, South Africa and Russia also departed, as did U.N.

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### Chechens, Russians set to resume talks

GROZNY, Russia (AP) — Russian and Chechen negotiators are to resume peace talks "in two or three days," officials on both sides said Friday, nearly two weeks after they were suspended amid mounting violence.

"In two or three days, the commission on implementing the disarmament accord will resume its work," said Ahmed Zakayev, culture minister for the separatist Chechen government and one of the Chechen negotiators.

He was speaking after meeting General Viktor Vlasenkov, deputy commander of federal troops in the breakaway Caucasus Republic, who told him overall Russian commander General Anatoly Shikirko was ready to resume talks.

Moscow suspended negotiations on Oct. 9 after an attack which seriously injured General Anatoly Romanov, Gen. Shikirko's predecessor, and the bombardment of Chechen villages which left dozens dead.

Talks on implementing a July 30 accord on disarma-

ment had been advancing painfully slowly even before they were suspended.

The agreement was designed to end bitter fighting in Chechnya since Russian troops marched into the Caucasus Republic in December to quell a three-year-old independence drive. Up to 30,000 people are thought to have been killed.

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Thousands have been killed since then and many more have fled the fighting.

As Mr. Yeltsin spoke, a rift became clear between Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin and Defence Minister Pavel Grachev.

The hawkish Grachev, speaking at a cabinet meeting, criticised the effectiveness of negotiations, saying they had led to the start of "active military operations" by rebel groups. Interfax News Agency said.

The minister warned that Russian forces might go back to active combat. But he was interrupted by Mr. Chernomyrdin, who initiated the peace talks in June.

"At no point should the war in Chechnya be allowed to resume. Everything possible should be done to ensure a settlement by peaceful political means," Mr. Chernomyrdin said.

Meanwhile, the Russian military command in Chechnya, quoted by Interfax News Agency, said

separatists attacked a Russian military convoy in Serzhen Yurt, killing one soldier and wounding another.

The Interior Ministry did not report any air raids.

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Mr. Yeltsin had said Thursday he intended sacking Mr. Kozyrev in a move widely seen as appeasing nationalists who considered the 44-year-old minister as too pro-Western.

Mr. Yeltsin had told journalists that Mr. Kozyrev would be replaced as soon as possible. "First of all it is necessary to choose an adequate candidate," he said. "But my decision has been taken."

Mr. Kozyrev learnt that he would keep his post only minutes before leaving Moscow with Mr. Yeltsin for meetings with French President Jacques Chirac and later with U.S. President Bill Clinton.

"What is (andrei) kozyrev's problem? He is always travelling and cannot handle the ministry's business.

What Kozyrev needs is a man (deputy) who will take care of the workings of the ministry. We need to find him a deputy," Mr. Yeltsin told reporters at Moscow's Vnukovo-2 Airport.

Mr. Kozyrev, visibly nervous while waiting for Mr. Yeltsin to finish his brief comments to the press, appeared relieved after the president's change of mind.

"The choice of such a deputy will ensure discipline and order," Mr. Yeltsin said.

Officials in London, Paris and Bonn refused to comment on the fate of Mr. Kozyrev.

Mr. Yeltsin's abrupt

change of mind could have



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been prompted by a desire not to complicate Russia's already tense relations with the United States ahead of the mini-summit with Mr. Clinton set for Monday.

Differences over NATO's plans to expand eastwards and Russia's role in a peace-keeping force for Bosnia-Herzegovina have cast a pall over the summit.

Mr. Yeltsin's comments about finding a replacement for Mr. Kozyrev may also have been intended as a warning to the minister, who is hated by Russian nationalists and communists — groups which are expected to score well in the Dec. 17 parliamentary elections.

On Sept. 6, the Duma, Russia's lower house of par-

liament, had called for Mr. Kozyrev's resignation for the "humiliating failure of Russian diplomacy in the Balkans."

In a further hardening of Moscow's stance towards the West, Mr. Yeltsin Wednesday accused NATO of wanting to station nuclear arms in Eastern Europe as part of its expansion, and said such a move would be "madness."

Despite the incongruity of Mr. Kozyrev's doves image amid the current pressure from hardliners, he is the longest-serving of Mr. Yeltsin's ministers and has shown the president loyal support since his appointment in 1990.

Mr. Kozyrev initiated the accords signed at the end of 1991 which dismantled the Soviet Union and thereby boosted Mr. Yeltsin's authority in post-Soviet Russia.

In late 1994 Mr. Kozyrev left the Russia's Choice reform bloc after it criticised Mr. Yeltsin's decision to pour troops into breakaway Chechnya, and he stoutly defended the president's policy amid worldwide condemnation.

Mr. Kozyrev was the architect of Russia's policy of close cooperation with the United States.

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## U.N. for all seasons

THE GOLDEN Jubilee of the United Nations (U.N.) which the world leaders are about to celebrate is an auspicious occasion to take stock of its achievements, failings and, above all, the old premises of which it was established. The international organisation was founded 50 years ago by the victors of World War II basically to reflect the "new international order," at the time. Those were the years when Japan and Germany were the primary losers, and the U.N. Charter came to give expression to that reality. Then was also the era of colonialism when most of the developing world was under direct or indirect colonial rule of major international powers. There was not only a dangerous gap between the South and North in that period but also a direct and brazen exploitation of the wealth and resources of the poor countries.

Five decades after, these old realities have been replaced by a set of new regional and international conditions that practically wiped out the 1945 global picture. That is why the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the U.N. must not be confined to joyful festivities but should include a thorough soul-searching exercise that aims to put the international organisation on a new path that gives expression to the contemporary global scene.

There are already voices calling for the expansion of the U.N. Security Council with a view to giving Tokyo and Bonn permanent seats. The Non-Aligned Movement is also on record as demanding such a place for the member states. No doubt this would mean according an African, Asian and a Latin American country permanent seats on the council to represent the three major regions of the movement. Yet there is much more to be done than mere enlargement of some of the U.N. major bodies. The entire charter must be up for review in order to incorporate into it the experiences of the past five decades. Surely after so many years, the organisation is due to amend its ways and methods of work including its decision-making processes.

In this vein, we believe that the ongoing efforts to make the composition of the Security Council more democratically representative of the international community must coincide with making processes also more democratic.

In addition, and in spite of all the talk about the negative features of the U.N. bureaucracy and how it is bloated and run by nepotism and favouritism, not much has been done so far to change the image of the international body. We hope, therefore, that the world leaders who will assemble for the commemoration of the U.N.'s anniversary will take time to examine new thoughts to make the U.N. that much more viable, cost-effective and simply effective.

## ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

A WRITER in Al Ra'i discussed the status of the Arab League in the Arab World, expressing the view that this institution is going through a slow process of demise largely due to the actions of the Arab member countries and the failures of its secretary general. Mahmoud Rimawi said that the Arab League which has been suffering from political bankruptcy over the past decade, is now financially bankrupt because the Arab countries have failed to honour their financial commitments to its agencies. Indeed, many voices were raised recently wondering about the continued existence of such institution, whose members often proved to be working against their own interests, he continued. The league is a liability rather than an asset to the Arab World. Arab people were thus not surprised when they recently heard the Israeli foreign minister suggesting that the Arab League be transformed into a Middle East institution encompassing Israel along with the other Arab and non Arab states in the region, according to the writer. He said the Arab League secretary general, who is supposed to steer the destiny of this institution, has regrettably failed to take prompt action to ensure its revival or even to openly declare the realities and the facts about the situation so as to urge Arab states to act and save the Arab League from a shameful fate.

ATTACKING ISRAEL for holding on to its occupation in southern Lebanon, a writer in Al Ra'i daily said that it is this occupation that is causing so much tension in the whole region and endangering the peace process. Yousef Damra said that as long as Israel insists on occupying part of Lebanon, it will inevitably continue to face resistance activity from the Lebanese people, who seek to liberate their lands. No matter how brutal its actions and its raids on the Lebanese civilians might be, Israel will continue to face attacks until its troops leave Lebanese territory, he stressed. Israel is wrong to believe that through its raids on southern Lebanon, it will force Syria to come to the negotiating table and accept Israeli terms. Israel is wrong to compare its occupation of Lebanese lands to the Syrian presence in the country, said the writer. He said Syrian troops came to Lebanon upon the request of the Beirut government.

## Jordanian Perspective

By Dr. Musa Keilani

## Jordan will not let down its people

THE JORDANIAN move to extend the validity of the two-year "travel" documents issued to residents of the West Bank by three years, coupled with the assurance given to residents of refugee camps that they would not be evicted despite a court ruling, comes as a watershed for many Palestinians who are confused and in despair over their lack of control over the events taking place in the Middle East peace process.

For one thing, extending the validity of the travel documents — which do not grant citizenship rights — means a dramatic reduction in the red tape and bureaucracy involved in renewing the documents at the end of every two years. For another, the five-year validity of the document is an indirect facilitation of the issuance of foreign visas to the holders (it was not secret that many embassies refused point blank to issue visas to holders of the two-year documents).

The extension of the validity of the passports should actually allow many Palestinians to take up employment outside — an opportunity that was largely denied when they held the limited two-year documents.

Apart from the technical aspects, the philosophy behind the Jordanian decision is simple and clear: The Kingdom is living up to the pledge that it stands ready to extend whatever help it could to the Palestinian residents of the West Bank. Nothing more, nothing less.

An indirect but forceful impact of the Jordanian decision is an element of comfort to the Palestinians living in the West Bank and complements the moves of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) to expand autonomy ahead of final status negotiations. PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat should be gratified over this element of comfort to his constituency at a time when he needed every iota of assurance that he could extend to his people.

His Majesty King Hussein's public assurance to the residents of Palestinian refugee camps that they need not worry about the legal wrangle over the ownership of the

land where they have set up homes is another resounding echo of the Jordanian commitment to help the Palestinians.

There could be many ways of reading the development, but for us in Jordan it means only one thing: Another cornerstone in Jordan's efforts to consolidate the concept of the one Jordanian-Palestinian family and advance a unified national approach to the fast-moving events in the region in the wake of the breakthroughs in the Middle East peace process.

Jordan needs the combined effort of every citizen in the country to realise the full economic and political potential of the opportunities that peace has offered to the region. It is totally unacceptable that a major segment of the Jordanian society is suddenly exposed to an eventuality that threatens their living while the country is on the fast track, hopefully, towards addressing the problems of poverty and unemployment and an uplifting of the standard of living for all its people.

The so-called expert observers of the Middle East scene, would be shortsighted to interpret the latest Jordanian moves as warranted by unexpected developments. If anything, they should take into consideration Jordan's established track record since its inception of being a safe haven for every Arab and appreciate that the decision to extend the validity of the temporary passports and to undertake whatever is needed to resolve the problem of the camps is very much in line with the Kingdom's policies.

His Majesty said as much — although not in so many words — when he expressed dismay over the alarm voiced by the residents of the camps following the court ruling that the owners of the land where the camps are built have the right to claim the land. What the King implied was that every citizen of this country should have known that the leadership here would not let down its people, whether in terms of land or civil rights or anything else.

## Arab reconciliation prerequisite for Gulf security, prosperity

Reviewed By Elia Nasrallah

THE LOCAL Arabic press last week focussed on the situation in Iraq, the question of passports for the Palestinians, and the controversy over refugee camps, as well as other domestic affairs.

A call by the president of the United Arab Emirates, Sheikh Zayed Ben Sultan, for the lifting of sanctions on Iraq was addressed by a number of columnists who lauded the Arab leader's courage. According to Sultan Al Hattab in Al Ra'i, Sheikh Zayed's call opens the door for Arab states to embark on reconciliation efforts and to help save the Iraqi people from their suffering. Sheikh Zayed's call should receive positive response from the other Arab leaders, whose countries are in disarray following the Gulf crisis he said. The writer said that the Arab leader's call marks the start of a new policy on the part of the Gulf states, which, he said, can take the lead in ending Arab differences and save their 18 million kinsmen from their ordeal.

Mohammad Sobeih, a columnist in Al Dostour praised Sheikh Zayed for his courageous stand and said the Arab leader has no doubt realised that security for the Gulf

states can only be guaranteed through a general Arab reconciliation.

Keeping the Arab people of Iraq facing starvation means planting time bombs and mines that could blow off any time, he said. The writer said all the Arab masses are now awaiting a positive step from the Gulf states and hope that these states will open a dialogue with Iraq to pave the way for a new Arab order and open a new chapter in inter-Arab relations based on mutual respect and non-interference in other countries' internal affairs.

Echoing the praise for Sheikh Zayed was Tareq Masarweh in Al Ra'i, who said that the 18 million Iraqis should not be left to face death through starvation and sickness. Predicting that Iraq will witness developments after the referendum on President Saddam Hussein's new mandate in power, the writer expressed belief that this referendum will be followed by democratic steps like political pluralism, political parties and free expression. He said that Arab leaders should give support to the Iraqis and their unity and territorial integrity and do what they can to prevent the disintegration of Iraq.

Hussein Abu Orabi, a writer in Al Dostour, thanked Sheikh Zayed for his call to save the Iraqis from starvation. He said that the Arab League should take the lead in opening dialogues between Iraq and the Gulf states with the purpose of ending any lingering differences and suspicions.

It is more important to protect the Arab Nation's interests than comply with resolutions from the United Nations, which seeks to protect the Western nations' interests alone, said the writer. Why should the Arab states align themselves behind the West when their own interests and their Arab order are in jeopardy, asked the writer. Iraq, he said, is an Arab country and therefore a solution

for its problems should come from the Arab countries themselves.

Abdullah Al Qaq, a writer in Al Dostour, praised the Emir of Bahrain, Sheikh Issa Ben Salman Al Khalifah, for his call to convene an Arab summit designed to unify Arab countries' position vis-a-vis the Middle East question and for ending differences with Iraq. The Emir of Bahrain's call, coming simultaneously with the call by Sheikh Zayed to end the sanctions on Iraq, reflect the fact that the Arab Gulf states have realised that their interests remain in danger as long as the Arab states remain in disarray. If the Gulf states, which were involved in the Gulf crisis, are themselves calling for such reconciliation and the lifting of sanctions on Iraq, then the other Arab countries ought to respond favourably to the call, he added.

Describing as very wise a step taken by the government to allow all Palestinians to retain their passports with five year validity instead of two, a writer in Al Dostour said that the announcement brought reassurance to the Palestinians at a time when the Palestine question is passing through a transitional period during which the Palestine National Authority is trying to ensure the restoration of Palestinian lands and rights, said

Senator Robert Dole, who is spearheading the efforts for the move, is aiming to win the favour of the Zionists on whom he counts to be elected president next year. The paper called for a United Arab and Islamic move to abort Mr. Dole's attempt and reaffirm the fact that the holy city of Jerusalem is occupied territory that belongs to the Arab Nation and that the Israelis should pull out from that city in the course of implementing Security Council Resolution 242.

A writer in Al Ra'i called on Israel to pull out its forces from southern Lebanon so as to avoid further confrontations with Hezbollah and the Lebanese resistance. Mahmoud Rimawi said that as long as southern Lebanon remains occupied, tension will persist and the violence will continue. No one can blame the resistance for fighting off the occupation forces. All the blame should be squarely placed on the Israelis who, said the writer, do not wish to withdraw from Syrian and Lebanese territories occupied since 1967. The writer said that the current Israeli threats to Lebanon following the resistance attacks on Israeli troops create new tensions and undermine efforts aimed at achieving a comprehensive peace on all tracks.

A writer in Al Dostour tackled a report recently released by the Public

Security Department showing that drug addiction in Jordan is on the rise. The report sounds the alarm and calls for the concerned authorities to undertake practical steps to stem this dangerous trend, said Mohammad Sqour, a former minister of social development.

The writer said that attention should be given to the family institution at which awareness programmes should be directed. He said the second institution is the school, where the youth gather and which forms a fertile ground for delinquency and for harmful habits to grow unless the right supervision and care are provided for the young. The writer said that the government should apply stricter rules and impose heavier penalties on drug traffickers and ought to develop modern means for treating the drug addicts.

A writer in Al Ra'i directed attention to the schools in Jordan, saying that the Ministry of Education should give better attention to its schools, which largely witnessed the murder of a student at the hands of his mates during a recess. Sultan Al Hattab said that it is a known fact that the educational process has been on the retreat in Jordan prompting His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan to urge the Ministry of Education to overhaul the whole system and find the right remedy. Furthermore, it was His Majesty King Hussein who, two years ago, drew attention to the fact that drug addiction was growing in Jordan, noting that the practice was especially spreading among the young, noted the writer. He said that the Ministry of Education holds the prime responsibility not only for providing education to the children but also for ensuring that they grow up to be useful assets to their society.

## Denial of freedom leads to violence and grief

THE FOLLOWING article by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan is reprinted from the Times (of London)

historic accommodation of differences is slowly taking place, there is no point more crucial than this. For after decades of conflict, Arabs and Jews are finally beginning to recognise each others' hopes, fears and beliefs.

Islam has been portrayed by some as a fanatical and intolerant creed that utterly rejects the other. But faith in Islam is a matter of conscience, and cannot be compelled. The Holy Koran is most emphatic on freedom of belief: "There shall be no compulsion in religion." (2:256). It also proclaims: "Harken you who disbelieve; I do not worship what you worship, nor do you worship what I worship." The chapter ends with a categorical statement: "You have your religion, and I have mine." (109:2-7).

Historically, Islam's ability to accommodate diversity was the fountainhead of its success. Islamic culture at its height encompassed a dazzling fusion of traditions, which would not have been possible without respect and tolerance for that which was different, and that which was other. In our efforts to achieve peace in the Middle East, we are following these principles, which remain compelling even when they are ignored, within the Muslim World and beyond.

Freedom and justice cannot simply be defined by the absence of tyranny and oppression. Freedom, in the words of the Pope, is a measure of humanity's dignity and greatness; while modern totalitarianism is an assault on our dignity, denying us the most elementary and inalienable rights. It is a challenge to the individual's spiritual growth and the moral vitality of nations.

I therefore welcome the Pope's call for a human ethic of solidarity. For only such an ethic can build a bridge across the gap between "us" and "them" and make us realise that we are all "us."

Only such an ethic can provide a viable basis for the next millennium of human history. I applaud His Holiness for this initiative, and wholeheartedly endorse it.

## LETTERS

### Heritage versus development

To the Editor:

WORDS CANNOT express how I felt while listening to a foreign reporter defending one of "Amman's landmarks" that is scheduled to be torn down in the name of development. I decided right there and then that this time I am not going to be one of the numerous bystanders who always see but do not say.

This foreign reporter saw that "Mata am Hashem," a place a lot of people know and have been to, was worth including in a documentary he was filming on Jordan's nightlife for a European television station. Now some might accuse me of being shallow and probably even vain for giving a lot of importance to the issue of a restaurant being torn down while there are a lot of more important issues worth raising. But this is not the issue. The importance lies in the fact that places like "Hashem" and "Qahwat Al Central," which is awaiting the same fate, are unique in many ways. They have been part of Amman's heritage with memories of at least three generations of Ammanites. "Hashem" has been a place where a plate of "humus" swims in a pool of five oil slides over the invisible line that have always separated classes and brought them together.

Countries all over the world are working hard on preserving old buildings and sights that are considered part of their heritage, while it seems that we are working hard on tearing down such sights for the sake of modernisation and development. But it should not slip our mind that modern is not always better and that this type of development is not what we need.

If tearing down "Hashem" and "Qahwat Al Central" is the start, I would hate to even think what the end would be. Then I shall only find consolation in a few pictures my family has kept over the years of the old city of Amman and very few books written on the history of the city. Not a lot to show of our preserved heritage.

Lina H. Kasim,  
Amman

## King heads for U.N.

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President Liamine Zeroual and Tunisian President Zine Al Abidine Ben Ali.

On Thursday King Hussein urged the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) to contribute to efforts for peace around the world, especially in the Middle East region.

In an address to the NAM summit held in Colombia and delivered on his behalf by Foreign Minister Abdul Karim Al Kabariti, King Hussein called on the movement to reexamine its strategies with a view to better serving the interests of non-aligned nations and the objectives of the movement itself.

Emphasising Jordan's keenness on promoting the role of the Non-Aligned Movement, King Hussein said that NAM nations should encourage a dialogue between the North and the South and to step up coop-

eration among the countries of the Southern Hemisphere themselves.

Stressing that the movement should give priority to socio-economic development, the King said that such a development can flourish in an atmosphere of peace and democracy and security for all nations.

The King said that the countries of the Middle East embarked on a peace process at the 1992 Madrid conference to help implement U.N. Security Council resolutions 242 and 338 which call for the exchange of land for peace.

He said Jordan, which signed a peace treaty with Israel in October 1994, has regained its lost territory and water rights and was striving to achieve comprehensive peace in the region.

The MENA conference in Amman, the King said, represents the crowning of efforts aimed at promoting socio-economic development

in the Middle East and noted that great hopes were pinned on the projects to be discussed and implemented through the meeting.

With reference to the situation in the Gulf region, King Hussein said Jordan respects the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all states and the non-interference by any country in the internal affairs of another.

Based on this concept, Jordan supports the right of the United Arab Emirates in regaining sovereignty over the Gulf Islands occupied by Iran through peaceful means and in accordance with international norms and laws, he said.

The King referred to Iraq, and commanded its decision to recognise the international boundaries with Kuwait. He called for the lifting of the U.N. sanctions against Iraq in order to end the suffering of the Iraqi people and help safeguard the country's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

Jordan also demands that Iraq release Kuwaiti citizens held since the Gulf crisis and

that Baghdad implement all U.N. Security Council resolutions, he said. He expressed solidarity with the Iraqi people's aspirations to democratic rule and other rights.

King Hussein called for the complete elimination of weapons of mass destruction and urged the Non-Aligned Movement to play a key role in the achievement of that objective.

King Hussein said that foreign debts represent the main stumbling block in the way of developing countries' struggle for development.

The Non-Aligned Movement can help democratise world organisations like the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund and help to bring about reforms to these institutions which he said hold the upperhand in the world economy.

The King said that through its efforts the Non-Aligned Movement can influence the U.N. organisations and agencies to help deal with the root causes of financial difficulties facing the developing world.

## Palestinians protest land grabs

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Palestinian-ruled West Bank town of Jericho on Friday.

A joint Israel-Palestinian police patrol ordered his convoy to remove the blue and white Israeli flags it was flying and an argument broke out when the drivers refused, Israel Radio said.

At one point, a Palestinian policeman cocked his weapon and aimed it at the Israeli legislator, radio reports said.

A shooting incident, particularly involving an Israeli lawmaker, could have broken the delicate accord, which

sees the Jericho enclave as a model for future expansion of Palestinian autonomy in the West Bank.

Mr. Zeevi said he left his submachine gun behind in the car and suggested that otherwise, he would have opened fire.

"If someone aims a loaded weapon at me and maybe intends using it, that will be the last time in their life they will cock a weapon at an Israeli," said Mr. Zeevi.

Israeli forces arrived shortly after the confrontation and escorted the convoy out of Jericho, flags waving.

## Libya resumes expulsions

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er. Frustration among the 650 Palestinians aboard the car-ferry Countess M boiled over into anger and a mob got into a shouting match with the captain and crew of the Greek-owned ship, scaring away a medical team that was trying to board.

"It looked like a mutiny," said one eyewitness.

Tension subsided when five Syrian officials boarded the Countess M and explained efforts to end their week-long plight, according to Costas Tsikkos, the agent in Cyprus for the ship's owner.

Mr. Tsikkos said a ship capable of taking 300 passengers would arrive in Cyprus at 8 a.m. (0600 GMT) on Saturday.

"It is a small boat. There will be a second trip to take the rest of them," he added.

The 650 Palestinians, more than half of them children, arrived off Larnaca on Tuesday after being ordered out of Libya last Friday and were turned away by Syria.

Syria then said it would collect about 600 of the Palestinians on the Countess M with Syrian papers.

## Hrawi outlines his policy

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Arab-Israeli dispute. The guerrillas were on alert for threatened Israeli retaliation following the killing of nine soldiers in the last week.

Mr. Hrawi stressed that Parliament will continue to be allied with Syria in peace negotiations with Israel, which have been deadlocked for months.

Turning to reconstruction, Mr. Hrawi said: "We shall exert all efforts to speed up the rebuilding of our country. This is the cornerstone of stabilisation."

Prime Minister Rafik Hariri, who will remain in

instructions.

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## Canadian trade team due here today ahead of summit

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — A high-level Canadian delegation arrives here Saturday to discuss preparation for next week's Middle East and North Africa (MENA) economic summit and Canadian role in the gathering.

The Canadian team, headed by Member of Parliament Mac Harb and including representatives of several companies, will seek to identify "possible areas of cooperation between Canada and Japan and start the matchmaking process between Canadian companies and their Jordanian counterparts," the Canadian embassy said.

The embassy said in a press statement that the business men in the delegation, which will stay in Amman for three days, represent the services, aviation and construction sectors as well as the governments of Quebec and Alberta and Canadian-Arab organisations.

Canada, which maintains excellent relations with Jordan and has extended sizeable assistance to developing

the energy sector of the Kingdom, has assumed a high profile role in the multilateral phase of the Middle East peace process. It chairs the multilateral working group on refugees.

The Canadian delegation is scheduled to hold talks on the government level with Minister of Industry and Trade Ali Abul Ragheb, Minister of Posts and Communications Jamal Saraireh, Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources Sameeh Darwazeh, Minister of Water and Irrigation Samir Kawar and Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Nader Thsheirat.

On the private sector level, the team will meet with representatives of the Amman Chamber of Industry, the special committees preparing private sector participation in the MENA summit, the Jordanian Businessmen Association and Jordanian companies.

The Canadian embassy noted that Canada's participation in the MENA summit was initiated during a visit that His Majesty King Hussein paid to that country in April. "Since then, Canada has

assisted the Jordanian private sector's participation for the summit through a number of round-table meetings in both Jordan and Canada.

"Canada's interest in the summit is reflected through its private sector business participation in the summit," said the embassy, noting that up to 30 companies were expected to be represented at the summit and some of them were also represented in the mission headed by MP Harb.

The Canadian team to the summit is expected to be among the largest at the conference. It will include chairman, presidents, managing directors and senior executives from Consult Group, Candesal, Realmont, the Export Development Corporation, the International Financial Services Institute, TriStar Industries, SNC Lt Valin Group, Kass Investments, Philip Environmental Inc., the Diesel Division of General Motors, Ramori Canada Inc., Debuka Investments Corporation, the Canada Post Corporation, Strategic Business Trends Inc., Exstutate Inc., Ingersoll-Rand, the New Middle East Consortium, Enterprises Vibec Inc., and AT & T.

Speaking in an interview, Ambassador Saad said Egypt

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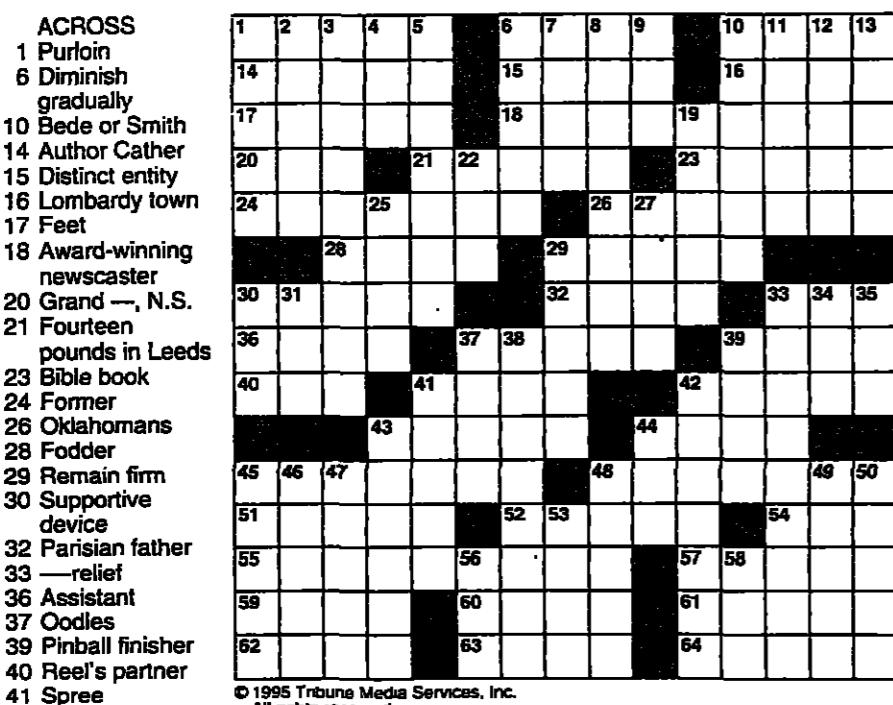
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# Business & Finance

## Israel announces \$1.6b Intel deal

be coming to the Amman conference. Ambassador Saad was concerned that the regional institutions that were promised in the Casablanca Declaration would be announced in Amman although he did say there are still some minor details to be worked out about the location of the institutions. He spoke of the Middle East Development Bank being headed to Egypt.

Finance Minister Avraham Shohat told a news conference the semiconductor plant would mark the largest foreign investment in Israel to date and Intel production would begin in 1996.

This investment, which in my assessment is the largest ever made in Israel, has significance above and beyond this specific project," Mr.

Amman) have to take effectively in formulating the economic terms of the operation on a balanced

ambassador Saad stressed.

Speaking in a television interview earlier this week, Mr. Spero, the U.S. secretary of state for economic, business and agricultural affairs, described Egypt as an integral part of the multilateral groups that grow on the Madrid process, stressing that "Egypt is ready to take a leadership role for the United States."

### HOROSCOPE

FORECAST FOR SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1995

By Thomas S. Pearson

Editor-in-Chief, Astrology

ASTROLOGY FOUNDATION

ARIFS: (March 21 to April 19) You may find your case activities hard to accomplish today, so find new ways which can ameliorate the situation now and in the future.

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) A major expense could really confuse you today if you lose your poise and perspective, calm down and let it all objectives.

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) Look to some good friend for assistance today with home difficulties. Contact this person early in the day that you can follow the advice provided.

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 22) You may find it difficult to communicate and in business today, but one personal gain can make you happy and very productive.

LEO: (July 23 to August 22) You have fine ideas for expressing your best talents today, but take care you do not go overboard when some financial affair is concerned.

VIRGO: (August 23 to September 22) Plan just to gain your personal and thus morning and then take action in the evening for best results in gaining your success.

LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) Be willing to accept the aid of a good friend in the morning and then be with one friend for social purpose late tonight.

SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) Get on and start today on business affairs you wish to complete and you cannot gain a person to wish you had in mind.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) Get on new activities during the time today since it will be an evening before you can get private affairs working properly towards a solution.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) Study more expenses which are pending and pay up instead of getting after new interests today, be careful in driving on the highway.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) Responsibilities are arriving in the morning today, but later this evening a generous partner can make things easier for you to be successful.

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) Get busy updating your home and avoid telling associate who is involved at this time. Persistence will be the career activities you are currently doing.

Birthstone of October: Topaz

Horoscope by the Journalist

## Trend at AFM is highly positive

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Share prices sprang back at the Amman Financial Market (AFM) last week in a dip turnover but the trend in the market is highly positive ahead of the Oct. 29-31 Middle East and North Africa (MENA) economic summit, AFM dealers said Friday.

They said a 1.5 per cent drop in prices in the previous week was largely because of shedding by some investors who wanted quick liquidity and the decline was not indicative of a depressive mood

in the market.

The weekly report of the AFM said the official market index based on 650 major companies closed on Wednesday — the last day of trading for the week — at 160.5 points, up 2.5 points or 1.6 per cent, from the week's opening of 158 points.

Volume for the week was JD 4.5 million, down 15 per cent from the previous week's JD 5.3 million, but, as one AFM dealer put it, the market activity was "very

industrial" gained 2.3 per cent during the week on a turnover of JD 2.2 million, accounting for 48.9 per cent

of the volume, followed by the banking sector with 2.2 per cent with a turnover of JD 1.5 million, or 20.8 per cent. The services sector accounted for JD 700,000, or 15.6 per cent, and gained 1.2 per cent.

Insurance stocks were down 0.1 per cent on a JD 100,000 volume.

The AFM report said 2.8 million shares changed hands under 3,401 contracts concluded during the week, which saw average daily trading dropping to JD 900,000 compared with the previous week's 1.1 million.

Shares of 91 companies were traded during the week,

with 43 of them closing with gains, 32 losing the 13 remaining stable.

Brokers said investors were involved in last-minute efforts to take positions ahead of the MENA summit, which, many expect, to produce progress on realisation of multi-million dollar projects with local and foreign capital.

"It will not be a surprise at all to see high turnover and prices shooting up this week, the final days of trading before the summit," commented a broker, who, under AFM regulations, cannot be identified by name.

## BUSINESS Daily Beat

A review of news from the Arabic press

### Floating prices is possible

★★ THE MINISTRY of Supply announced for the first time the possibility of floating prices of products on the basic condition that laws protecting the consumer are available. He said "If laws are available, it is then possible to think of floating prices but without such laws, there is no choice for the ministry except to continue fixing prices in accordance with the supply law." The minister emphasised that despite higher costs for rice, sugar and, especially wheat, by double the old prices, the government will continue to subsidise these foodstuffs and will not reduce the subsidy in the 1996 budget (Al Dustour).

### Sales tax raises prices

★★ PRICES OF more than 40 products went up at the Civil Consumer Corporation as a result of raising the sales tax from seven to ten per cent. The corporation's director-general said the price increase will not affect available products at the corporation's markets as the sales tax will only be imposed on new purchases and imports.

### Trade team to visit West Bank

★★ A JORDANIAN trade delegation will visit the West Bank to enable Jordanian businessmen meet Palestinian counterparts to discuss possible joint cooperation with them. The delegation, initiated by the Jordan Trade Association, will be led by Kamal Oaqish (Al Aswaq).

### Glass factory under revival

★★ THE MANAGING committee of the Jordan Glass Factory, which was closed in 1993, is making contacts with local, Arab and foreign investors to relaunch the company under a new registration and by acquiring the existing facilities which was not operating at more than 10 per cent of its capacity in the past. The new founders will be able to operate the factory, modernise its facilities and diversify its projects. The head of the managing committee said samples of Jordanian sand suitable for glass manufacturing was sent to many Arab and foreign companies and was found to be competitive in quality and prices. The factory was closed as a result of technical deficiencies which surfaced during production in addition to rising costs and administrative negligence which later translated into large losses and low-quality output. A committee which investigated the situation has submitted its findings to the minister of finance who referred the report to the prosecutor general. No decision on the issue has been reached yet (Al Dustour).

### Garbage dumping site under study

★★ EIGHTEEN COMPANIES out of 34 which submitted offers to study building a waste dump site in Russeifa, have been qualified for the second stage which involves matching the technical and financial offers presented by these companies. The tenders committee at the Municipality of Greater Amman is looking at the financial offers of these companies in order to select four of them to conduct the studies which cost between JD 150,000 to JD 400,000. The municipality seeks to building a waste dump site which could cost about JD 20 million and will be working on obtaining the necessary financing for this project which will replace the present dumping site (Al Ra'i).

### Wrong policy

★★ THE POLICY of absorbing large numbers of employees each year in the civil service is a wrong policy," former Social Development Minister Mohammad Sgour says. He indicates that wages of civil servants are basically low and small increases salaries every now and then will not present a practical solution to the problem of rising cost of living. He points out that civil servants account for 40 per cent of the Kingdom's total workforce and that is an imbalance that bloats the public sector and reduces its productivity. Dr. Sgour sees the remedy by not burdening the state more than its need and to have the private sector participate in the development of the country (Al Aswaq).

JORDAN FINANCIAL MARKET WEEKLY REPORT					
COMPANY & NAME	TRADING VOLUME	PREV. WEEKLY CLOSE	CLOSING PRICE	OPENING PRICE	JD PRICE
ARAB BANK PIG	486,130	241.000	241.000	245.500	245.500
JORDAN NATIONAL BANK	34,662	4.360	4.360	4.400	4.400
MIDDLE EAST INVESTMENT BANK	12,662	3.700	3.700	3.650	3.650
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BANK	17,927	1.220	1.220	1.230	1.230
THE HOSKING BANK	24,230	2.340	2.360	2.400	2.400
JORDAN KIRYAT BANK	171,985	2.770	2.770	2.880	2.880
JORDAN GULF BANK	120,921	1.170	1.170	1.150	1.150
JORDAN ATLANTIC BANK	26,100	2.000	2.000	2.050	2.050
SHAW BANK FOR SAVING & INVESTMENT	90,271	3.750	3.750	3.670	3.670
INDUSTRIES BANK	12,250	3.400	3.400	3.400	3.400
JORDAN INVESTMENT & FINANCE BANK	43,976	3.710	3.710	3.720	3.720
BAKIR BANK FOR INVESTMENT	14,961	3.390	3.390	3.380	3.380
ARAB BANKING CORPORATION/JORDAN	248,430	0.120	0.120	0.120	0.120
PHILADELPHIA INVESTMENT BANK	3,607	5.240	5.240	5.260	5.260
	61,383	1.530	1.530	1.540	1.540
BANKS SECTOR					
	1458111	INDEX NUMBERS	196.45	196.45	196.45
CHANGE	+ 1.21%				
UNITED INSURANCE	4,500	2.500	2.500	2.500	2.500
ARMED FORCES INSURANCE	3,600	1.850	1.850	1.760	1.760
JORDANIAN FRANC INSURANCE	266	2.650	2.650	2.650	2.650
ROYAL LAND INSURANCE	680	2.020	2.020	1.920	1.920
ARM LIFE & ACCIDENT INSURANCE	508	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000
ARM UNION INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE	48,350	2.350	2.350	2.350	2.350
INSURANCE SECTOR					
	51824	INDEX NUMBERS	136.72	136.72	136.72
CHANGE	- 0.85%				
JORDANIAN ELECTRIC POWER	157,915	1.630	1.630	1.670	1.670
VEHICLES OVERSEAS DISTRIBUTOR	2,115	7.050	7.050	7.050	7.050
JORDAN INTERNATIONAL MOBILES	3,000	5.950	5.950	5.950	5.950
NATIONAL PORTOFOLIO SECURITIES	14,025	2.000	2.000	2.070	2.070
ARMAN INVESTMENT	9,505	1.050	1.050	1.070	1.070
JORDAN INTERNATIONAL TRADING CENTER	6,053	1.140	1.140	1.170	1.170
INDUSTRIAL EQUIP., REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	6,504	0.600	0.600	0.600	0.600
JORDAN PRESS FOUNDATION / KIRAY	6,373	2.700	2.700	2.600	2.600
UNITED MIDDLE EAST & COMMERCIAL MOBILES	18,200	2.200	2.200	2.350	2.350
ARM. INSTR. FOR INVESTMENT & EDUCATION	100,823	3.240	3.240	3.310	3.310
JORDANIAN EXPATRIATE INVESTMENT HOLDINGS	33,475	1.170	1.170	1.150	1.150
JORDAN PRIVATE UNIVERSITY	84,001	1.300	1.300	1.340	1.340
ARMON LAND DEVELOPMENT CORP.	39,725	1.110	1.110	1.120	1.120
SERVICES SECTOR					
	5182514	INDEX NUMBERS	136.32	136.32	136.32
CHANGE	- 0.85%				
ARMED FORCES MATERIAL MANUFACTURING	1,230	2.470	2.470	2.470	2.470
THE JORDAN PIPE MANUFACTURING	3,590	3.000	3.000	2.950	2.950
ARMED FORCES PRINTING & WEAVING	352	1.750	1.750	1.800	1.800
RAFAT INDUSTRIES	684	2.250	2.250	2.280	2.280
DAR AL DAWA DEVELOPMENT & INVESTMENT	62,863	7.230	7.230	7.140	7.140
ARM AL ALUQAH INDUSTRIES	37,271	5.170	5.170	5.180	5.180
LIVESTOCK & POULTRY	39,971	0.680	0.680	0.690	0.690
ARMAD PAPER CONVERTING & TRADING	33,810	1.420	1.420	1.430	1.430
NATIONAL STEEL INDUSTRY	9,493	2.220	2.220	2.150	2.150
NATIONAL INDUSTRIES	19,040	1.070	1.070		

## Coulthard takes provisional pole position

AIDA, Japan (AP) — David Coulthard of Britain was more than pleased Friday to grab the provisional pole position in the first official qualifier Friday for Sunday's Pacific Grand Prix, followed by his teammate Damon Hill.

Coulthard, the winner of the Portuguese Grand Prix in September, circled the 3,703-kilometre T-1 circuit as he roared his Williams-Renault in 1 minute, 14.182 seconds at an average speed of 179.704 kilometres per hour.

Britain's Hill, desperate to win Sunday's race to head off — or at least delay — archrival Michael Schumacher from clinching the season's title was second at 1:14.289. Hill, 35, averaged the circuit at 179.445 kph.

Schumacher, who is just one fourth-place finish away from his second consecutive Formula One championship this year, was only 0.235 seconds behind Hill at 1:14.524 in his Benetton-Renault.

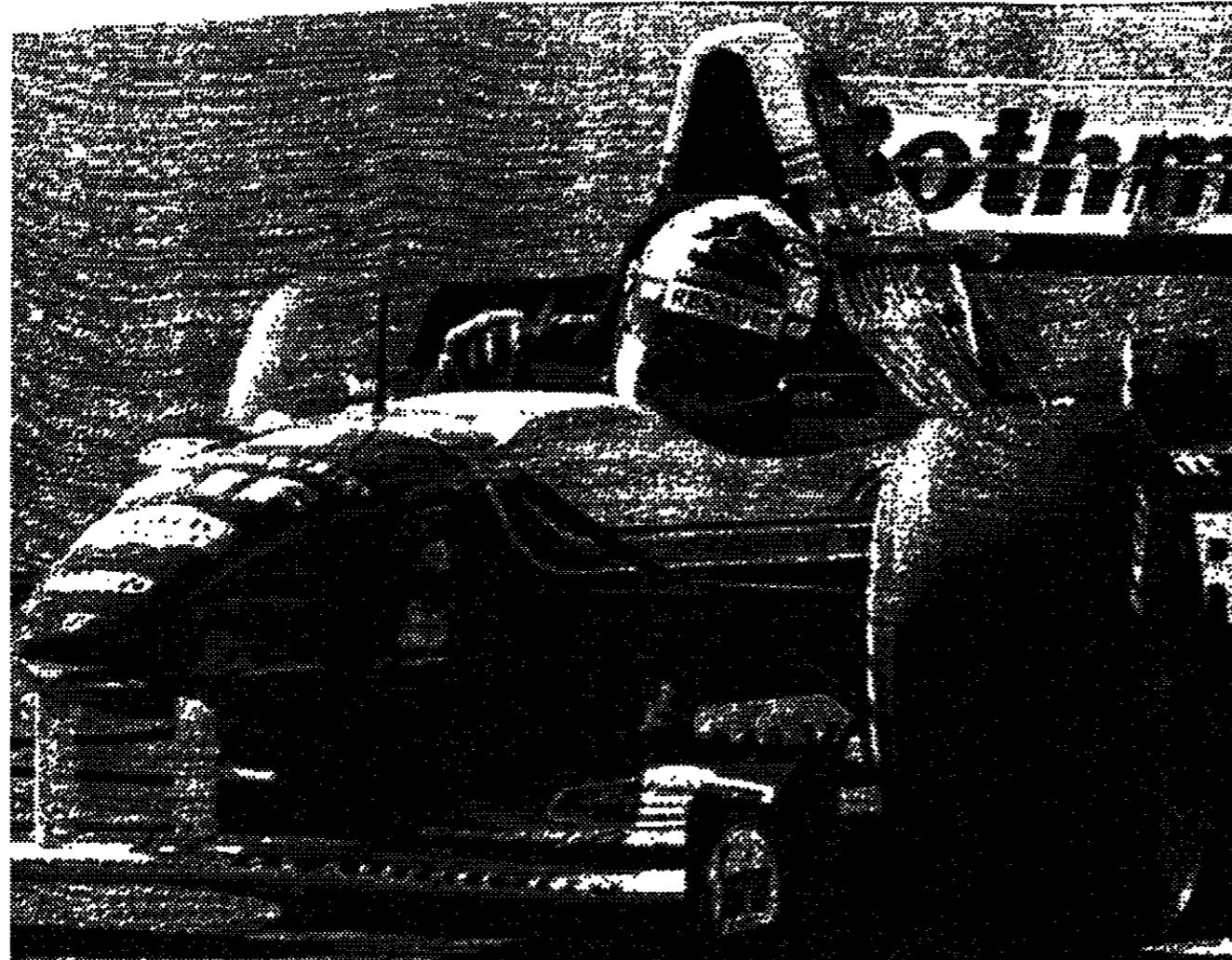
"I wasn't really thinking about the pole position," Coulthard told reporters after the qualifier Friday. "I would have been happy with third or better."

Coulthard said, however, the dusty racetrack slowed him down.

"This is a fun circuit to drive from the qualifying point of view, but it's very very difficult because it's incredibly dusty out there on the track," he said.

With seven victories and 82 points this season, the 26-year-old German has what almost everyone considers an insurmountable 27-point lead over Hill, who has 55. Coulthard, who has collected 43 points, ranks just behind his teammate.

"I was pretty much on the limit and did not feel I could improve my time very much, if at all, towards the end of the session," Schumacher said. "We will have to go away and study the data and sort the car out for tomorrow."



David Coulthard of Great Britain steers his Williams on his way to setting the fastest time in the first qualifying session for the Pacific Grand Prix in Aida, Japan.

Coulthard set the fastest time of one minute 14.182 seconds (Reuters photo)

who marked the faster time earlier in the session Friday.

The result, Hill said, was good.

"We must maintain that for tomorrow," Hill said. But Hill said the car has to be adjusted to the slippery track, which he said was "like the beach."

Japan's unprecedented situation of hosting two Formula One races in consecutive weeks came about after the Pacific Grand Prix had to be moved from its original April date because the Jan. 17 Kobe earthquake damaged local transportation systems.

After Friday's first qualifying session, there will be another qualifier Saturday to determine the pole position for Sunday's race. A driver's faster lap from the two qualifying runs will determine Sunday's starting grid.

The T-1 circuit on which the 83-lap race is being run has been the site of motorcycle and automobile races since 1991 and received sanction by the International Automobile Federation last year.

The only shorter track on the Grand Prix circuit is Monaco's 3.328-kilometre temporary road course.

Jan Magnussen of Denmark, a test driver for McLaren-Mercedes, finished 11th at 1:16.339 as he drove in place of Finnish driver Mika Hakkinen who misses Sunday's race after having an appendectomy.

For Hill, who has only three victories for Williams-Renault this year, the only chance is to win all three remaining races: Sunday's Pacific Grand Prix, next Sunday's Japanese Grand Prix in Suzuka and the Nov. 12 Australian Grand Prix.

He also has to hope Schumacher earns no more than two points in those three races, the equivalent of one fifth-place or two six-place finishes.

Hill, who hasn't given up hope, aggressively repeated attempts to better his lap time over Schumacher.

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## Parmander win race Eriksson,

BELIJNG (R) — Swede Kenneth Eriksson won the Hong Kong-Beijing motor rally on Friday and with it the Asia-Pacific Rally Championship.

In a Mitsubishi Lancer, Eriksson and co-driver Stefan Parmander, also of Sweden, clinched the victory in a final morning stage at the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644) imperial tombs outside the Chinese capital, then drove into Beijing's huge central Tiananmen Square for the awards presentation.

"It feels fantastic," said Eriksson. "I have wanted this victory for three years. We worked hard as a team and did a professional job. We learnt a lot from last year."

According to provisional final results, he finished in 4:39.28, ahead of second-placed Finn Ari Vatanen and Italian Fabrizio Pons, also in a Mitsubishi, in 4:40.04 and third-placed Britons Richard Burns and Robert Reid in a Subaru 555 Impreza in 4:42.42.

With the victory, Eriksson clinched the championship title regardless of the result of the final event of the six-round series, Thailand in December.

Of the 44 cars which set out on Oct. 14 from Hong Kong, 27 finished the race. The distance between Hong Kong and Beijing is 3,700 km. Officials said thousands of

Chinese watched the race en route and that there were no accidents, except for the deaths of a few chickens.

Moments after his victory, Eriksson said he was considering a switch to another team, because he could make an announcement next week.

Eriksson said he was considering a move to Subaru or another team, because he wanted a shot at the World Championship.

"It looks like maybe Mitsubishi will only concentrate on the Asia-Pacific Cham-

pionship next year. I want to do that plus the World Championship. I think I have a fair chance of the World Champion-

ship," the driver said.

"It's sort of like gambling. It's hard to leave in a way, because you know what you have, but in other ways if you leave, you get a new kick, a new spirit," he said.

Eriksson has been with Mitsubishi for the last six years, but his current contract with the Japanese automaker expires at the end of this year.

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The bidding:

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What was contract bridge like in its formative years? Recently we came across this deal, described by one Frank Walker under the title *The Surprise Attack*, published in 1934. We quote verbatim:

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"West decided that no normal opening lead would make a dent in the preponderance of honor-tricks and distributional values held by his opponents. If South's club values were solid, the grand slam would probably be a laydown. But, and the scheme began to form, if East held a club, he could force a hand and cash a certain number of tricks. East decided that he had the queen, and South won with the ace.

"Ensued five rounds of spades, two of hearts and three of diamonds, and South found himself in dummy after the 11th trick, with two clubs in dummy and the king and ten in his own hand."

"The opening lead had plainly played ♦ with the queen, knew the deuce of clubs (when East followed with the deuce to trick 12) and declarer finessed the ten with all confidence. West won with the knave and cashed a diamond for a set of two."

"It is interesting to speculate what would have happened had East thrown away that vital deuce of clubs while in the throes of discarding."

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# Sports

## Plucky Celtic limit damage while Parma crash to Halmstad

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PARIS (AFP) — Plucky Celtic limited the damage when they restricted French opponents Paris St. Germain to a single goal in the away leg of their European Cup winners Cup second-round clash here Thursday.

But last season's UEFA Cup winners Parma crashed to a shock 3-0 defeat in their away clash to unfancied Halmstad of Sweden. In Thursday's other matches, English side Everton produced their best performance of the season but failed to turn territorial domination into goals and had to be satisfied with a 0-0 draw against Dutch opponents Feyenoord.

And last season's competition winners Zaragoza snatched a bad-tempered 2-1 home win over Belgium's FC Bruges — both sides having a player sent off on a night when the referee showed ten yellow cards.

Only some spectacular and desperate saves by Celtic goalkeeper Gordon Marshall prevented Paris St. Germain from running up a big score at the Parc des Princes.

The Scottish defence came under non-stop pressure in the second-half but they were only beaten once — Youri Djorkaeff firing home the home winner from close range fourteen minutes from the final whistle.

Paris started brightly with both Laurent Fournier and Patrice Loko looking dangerous in early raids, but they

missed a golden opportunity to go clear after half an hour when Brazilian playmaker Rai, unmarked in the area and only six yards out, scooped Jose Cobos' pass over the bar.

Five minutes later Djorkaeff got the better of Tom Boyd and slipped the ball inside to Fournier, but the Frenchman mis-hit his first effort and then curled his second wide.

Ironically the best chance of the half came at the other end — Dutchman Pierre van Hooydonk heading wide with only goalkeeper Bernard Lama to beat.

Simon Donnelly, who was not expected to play, came on as substitute with 20 minutes to go, but Celtic's fortunes dived.

Djorkaeff, denied minutes earlier by a 25-yard shot which beat Marshall but hit the post, got his revenge.

Stephane Mahe sent a long ball down the left wing, Guerini got the better of Rudi Vata and crossed in from the left. Marshall had no chance as Djorkaeff slotted home his third goal in European competition.

PSG substitute Pascal Nouma should have made it 2-0 in 81 minute but bailed the ball over the bar from only four yards out.

After the match Van Hooydonk admitted "obviously we are disappointed at conceding a late goal. "We didn't create enough chances — only my

header in the first half. But I thought our defence played particularly well and we still have a good chance in the second-leg."

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Everton looked sharp and produced plenty of enterprise and determination in front of their fans at Goodison Park but they failed to score the all-important goals against Feyenoord and they must now travel to Rotterdam hoping to repeat their 1985 glory night there when they beat Austria Vienna to win the competition. Manager Joe Kyle, deprived of six first choice players, lined up Earl Barrett, Craig Short and Gary Ablett in a triple centre-back formation with David Unsworth and Matthew Jackson employed as raiding wing backs.

This, with Vinny Samways' return to midfield, made Everton a threatening force — yet at the end of the evening Everton still owed much to veteran goalkeeper Neville Southall who pulled off four brilliant saves from Michael Obiku, Giovanni van Bronckhorst, Rob Witschge and Rob Maas to deny Feneoord a smash-and-grab

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Two of the three goals in Real Zaragoza's 3-1 win over Bruges came from the spot — hardly surprising in a match constantly robbed of rhythm by niggling fouls.

Aragon slotted home a first penalty after 28 minutes while Staelens also scored the Bruges goal with a spot kick mid-way through the second-half.

The other Zaragoza goal, also in the first-half, came from Dani after 33 minutes. Bruges had Renier sent off for a second yellow card after 61 minutes and Zaragoza's Nayim followed him for an early shower nine minutes later when he too earned a second booking.

The other players to be

win.

Most of Everton's best

attacks came down as the left

flank where Anders Limpar

and the charging Unsworth

were always willing to run at

the Feyenoord defence.

And from Limpar's best

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## Claes resigns as NATO chief, pleads innocence

BRUSSELS (Agencies) — Willy Claes on Friday stepped down as North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) secretary-general with a sense of regret widely shared by colleagues, but maintained his innocence in the face of pending corruption charges.

The expected resignation came the day after the Belgian parliament lifted his immunity from prosecution as a former government minister.

"The interests of this great alliance, its credibility and its efficiency have always come first with me," he told a news conference at NATO headquarters in Brussels.

"I have therefore concluded that the interests of the alliance are best served by my taking this course of action," Mr. Claes said, adding that he did so "with much regret."

But he protested his "total innocence" of the charges levelled at him and said that the conditions in which he had to defend himself against them were "unworthy of a modern state."

Earlier he had told ambassadors from the 16 NATO

members of his decision and then had a final lunch with them.

"They received the news with profound regret and expressed their personal sympathy that he had found it necessary to take this decision," a NATO statement said.

They also expressed their profound gratitude for his leadership and for the major contribution which he made to the work of the alliance during his year in office, which has been a momentous one for NATO."

The resignation of Mr. Claes, an economic minister in the Belgian government in the 1980s, was regarded as inevitable after 97 of the parliament's 150 members voted to lift his immunity. He faces possible charges in a scandal centering on bribes paid by Italy's Agusta company to win a contract to sell helicopters to the Belgian military.

The voting Thursday night by secret ballot came after Mr. Claes went before parliament one last time and in 11th-hour bid to plead his innocence and also try to save his job as political head of the

world's most powerful military alliance.

The accusations had dogged the 56-year-old Claes at a crucial time for NATO as it faces further involvement in former Yugoslavia and Russian opposition to plans to expand into Eastern Europe.

With NATO urgently preparing the biggest operation of its history — policing a hoped-for peace agreement in Bosnia-Herzegovina — the allies will move quickly on his successor. The ambassadors are to start consultations next week.

Among the front-runners are former Dutch Prime Minister Ruud Lubbers and former Danish Foreign Minister Uffe Eilemann-Jensen. In the interim the job will be done by Deputy Secretary-General Sergio Balanzino of Italy.

European Commissioner Hans van Den Brink, a former Dutch foreign minister, said he was not a candidate to replace Mr. Claes.

He said he wanted to stay on as European commissioner responsible for external affairs and the EU's eastward enlargement.



STRANDED: Palestinians expelled from Libya and stranded on board the Countess M car-ferry anchored off the Cyprus port of Larnaca wave to passing boats. A Syrian ship was expected at Larnaca early Saturday pick up over 550 of the 650 aboard the Countess and ferry them to Syria (see page one) (AFP photo)

## NAM adopts united stand for U.N. reforms and debt relief

CARTAGENA, Colombia (AFP) — The majority of the world's countries in the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) embraced a developing-world plan of action Friday sweeping U.N. reform and debt relief from onerous foreign debt.

Capping their 11th summit, NAM leaders gave the nod to a thick declaration also explicitly condemning the U.S. economic embargo on Cuba, and urging nuclear disarmament and a new peace pact on the Korean peninsula.

"With the non-aligned at its heart, the United Nations can at last serve the peoples of the world as they must be served," U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Ghali told reform-minded NAM leaders Wednesday.

"With the U.N.'s 50th anniversary events set for next week in New York, reforming the most powerful U.N. decision-making body

in their favour topped the NAM wish list.

NAM members make up almost two thirds of all the world's countries, with a majority in the General Assembly.

But most resent the fact they only hold some of the 10 rotating council seats, with the veto power of permanent members — Britain, France, the United States, Russia and China — often overriding their will.

Colombian President Ernesto Samper, who took the reins of the NAM Wednesday in this Caribbean resort city, said: "What the developing countries expect of this reform is that it is the U.N. represent today's world."

"It is our intention to democratise the mechanisms and procedures of the United Nations."

The NAM issued a joint call for a stronger NAM pre-

sence on an enlarged U.N. Security Council, a more powerful General Assembly and restricted U.N. peacekeeping efforts with more money for fighting world poverty.

NAM countries weighed in against veto power on the Security Council committing "themselves to actively promote its curtailment with a view to its elimination," the statement said.

Cuban President Fidel Castro suggested earmarking two additional seats on an expanded Security Council for Latin America, two for Africa, and two more for Asia (see page 5).

"United, we are a force. United, our voice cannot be ignored," said Mr. Castro, clad in a post-cold war business suit for his address instead of his usual military uniform. "No one else must speak for us."

The green cards are issued

to those who live on the West Bank and the yellow ones are issued to those living on the East Bank who have acquired permits from Israel to live on the West Bank through family reunion plans.

Informed sources said these regulations have no bearing on the Kingdom's decision to sever ties with the West Bank which considers as Palestinians all residents of the West Bank as of July 31, 1988 and employees of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

The sources said these regulations will be followed by other explanations regarding the right of West Bankers to obtain family registration books, driving licences and food rationing cards.

The regulations also allow Western Bankers holding temporary two-year passports to obtain five-year passports.

Interior Minister Salameh Hammad said Wednesday that the passport holders should retain the green and yellow cards issued to them by authorities at the bridges.

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In an interview with Al Dustour, Assistant Director of the Civil Registration Department Ibrahim Shabani said West Bankers who will obtain permanent passports are not entitled to applying for family registration books.

Mr. Shabani noted that the regulations only deal with the question of passports.

Director of Employment at the Employment Bureau Abd Qassam said his department did not thus far receive any instructions on the employment of West Bankers, adding that the Ministry of Interior was still studying the issue.

"We only employ Jordanian nationals in government departments," he asserted, adding that job applicants were usually requested to present family registration books rather than passports as a proof of citizenship.

Assistant Director General of the Passports Department Mohammad Kharabsheh said his department had not also received any written instructions to convert the two-year

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## U.S., France and Britain accept S. Pacific nuclear-free zone

UNITED NATIONS (Agencies) — The United States, France, and Britain confirmed Friday they will recognise a nuclear-free zone in the South Pacific as soon as the French complete their current tests in the region.

A joint statement by the three governments, released here, said they would sign three protocols of the 1985 Rarotonga Treaty, which established a nuclear free zone, in the first half of 1996.

The statement said the move would "contribute to international peace and

security" throughout the Asia-Pacific region.

The decision to sign the protocols appeared aimed at defusing widespread anger in the Asia-Pacific region over France's resumption of underground nuclear tests in the Mururoa atoll of French Polynesia.

Britain maintained silence over the French testing, and British Prime Minister John Major is expected to face criticism on the issue at the Commonwealth heads of government meeting in Auckland, New Zealand next

month.

All five declared nuclear powers — the United States, France, Britain, China and Russia — have pledged to sign a comprehensive test ban treaty by the end of 1996. Russia and China have already signed the South Pacific protocols.

The 1985 accord is signed by the 16 members of the South Pacific Forum. The signatories have for several years been pressing the three western nuclear powers with interests in the region to sign

the treaty.

The South Pacific Forum recently cut off France's diplomatic status as a result of the resumption of testing by President Jacques Chirac following a three-year moratorium.

France, which has already conducted two tests, plans to continue with a half dozen more through May next year.

The governments of France, Britain and the United States "consider that zones internationally recognised as being free of nuclear

weapons, based on negotiations between the governments of the region, can contribute to international peace and security," the statement said.

The 1995 nuclear non-proliferation Treaty "recognised and encouraged the creation of such zones," it said.

The Foreign Office said in London, Britain's commitment, along with France and the United States, to sign the Rarotonga Treaty reflects London's wish to answer

wide concern over nuclear testing.

The decision "allows us to advance our position by sending the strongest possible signal of support for a nuclear weapons free zone in the South Pacific," it said in a statement.

"The decision also reflects our wish to respond in a practical way to the concerns of those in the region and elsewhere about nuclear testing.

It confirms our belief that an end to nuclear testing is in sight," said the statement.

## Swedish court rejects French quest for extradition of Algerian suspect

STOCKHOLM (AFP) — The Swedish Supreme Court refused Friday to approve the extradition to France of Algerian Abdul Karim Deneche suspected of being involved in a bomb attack in Paris.

The attack July 25 in a metro in Paris killed seven and was the first of eight attacks in France blamed on Algerian Islamic fundamentalists.

The court said the international arrest warrant issued by France — on which the extradition request is based — is "marred by an obvious error."

It said sufficient proof existed to corroborate Deneche's claim that he was in Stockholm the afternoon of July 25.

The court's decision cannot be overruled by the Swedish government.

Arrested on Aug. 21, the 39-year-old Algerian is still in detention in Stockholm, under a special law on surveillance of foreigners, awaiting a government decision on his expulsion from Sweden, requested by the Swedish secret police.

In a spokesman for the French justice ministry said it had "taken note" of the Swedish decision. "The ministry has no other comment to make at the moment," he said.

In its five-page judgement, the Swedish court noted that it was not "particularly unusual" the Deneche "hesi-

ted" when asked to account for his movements on July 25, as the first interrogation took place nearly a month later, on Aug. 21.

Prosecutor Klas Bergstrand, who favoured extradition, described Deneche's alibi for July 25 as vague, especially his alleged visits to a social security office and a suburban post office and a supermarket.

But the court ruled that a receipt for Deneche's postal deposit bore an authentic signature, verified by a criminal laboratory, and that there was no "sufficient reason to suspect that the signature was counterfeit."

Both France and Sweden are signatories to the 1957 European Convention on Extradition.

A French policeman, the main witness in the July 25 attack, said he recognised Deneche from a photo as one of the three individuals who he said were behaving suspiciously shortly before the blast.

Deneche, who has been living in Sweden since the early 1990s, is suspected by French investigators of being a European-based leader of Algeria's ultra-radical Armed Islamic Group (GIA), which opposes the military-backed regime in Algiers.

Meanwhile, French officials said they would never negotiate an end to the bombing wave in France and insisted it is their duty to continue economic aid to

## Turkish party leaders agree on details of coalition deal

ANKARA (Agencies) — Turkish Prime Minister Tansu Ciller's True Path (DYP) party and the Republican People's Party (CHP) of Deniz Baykal said Friday they had reached agreement on the basic principles for a coalition pact.

The announcement came after a meeting of a subcommittee set up Thursday to form a new coalition.

Turkey's government has been embroiled in crisis since Ms. Ciller's government was toppled by a no-confidence vote in parliament on Sunday. The crisis dates back to September 20, when Ms. Ciller resigned after a coalition with Mr. Baykal's left-leaning CHP collapsed and she was forced to opt for a minority government.

Ms. Ciller and Mr. Baykal are now seeking to renew that same earlier coalition.

A draft agreement will be drawn up and submitted to the sub-committee on Saturday at 0900 GMT, said Coskun Kirca, DYP member and foreign minister.

The pact pledges to improve the human rights situation in Turkey, modify article 8 of the anti-terror law, which restricts freedom of expression, to bring it into line with the European Convention on Human Rights, Mr. Kirca said.

Mr. De Charette repeated France's position that the meeting between Mr. Chirac and Mr. Zeroual was not an indication of France's support for Mr. Zeroual's presidential candidacy, saying that a "dialogue between two heads of state is a normal part of daily international life."

Related to Ankara's treatment of an 11-year Kurdish insurrection in the southeast, in which more than 18,000 people have died.

The European Parliament wants the article scrapped or amended in exchange for approving a customs union between Ankara and the European Union (EU) by the end of the year.

After months of fruitless demands for wide democratic changes, European diplomats and Turkish commentators say the European Parliament will make do just with changes to article 8.

"The general impression is that if only a comma is changed in article 8, customs union will be approved," wrote columnist Taha Akyol in Milliyet daily. "So without further ado.... parliament must 'change the comma' in the next two months."

The new coalition will also be mindful that customs union approval is likely to affect the voters in early general elections.

Public workers, whose month-long strike helped settle a minority government. Ms. Ciller tried to put together this month, say the right-left alliance could solve the pay dispute.

"With the CHP, we believe there will be a solution before a confidence vote for the new government next week," Yildirim Koc, a top official at labour confederation TURKIS, told Reuters.

## Jordan, Israel agree on signing accords

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Jordan and Israel agreed to sign a trade agreement on Tuesday and an accord on transport in early November during talks held here last week between His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan and Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

Another key agreement reached during the talks on Wednesday was on defining the Jordan-Israeli border in the Red Sea, the first accord between any two countries sharing the Red Sea.

The sea border will run down the middle of the Gulf of Aqaba.

The main focus of the talks between the Crown Prince and Mr. Peres, who was accompanied by the Israeli ministers of trade, transport and tourism, was joint Jordan-Israeli projects to be presented at next week's Middle East and North Africa (MENA) economic summit and prospects for financing the projects.

Also reviewed was the implementation of the Oct. 26, Jordan-Israel peace treaty and the status of the various agreements called for in the treaty, and in this context the two sides set the dates and venues for signing the trade and transport agreements as well as an accord security affairs to be signed by the interior ministers of the two countries.

The much-delayed trade accord, which will clear the way for direct imports and exports between the two countries and for investments in each other's territory, will be signed by Minister of Industry and Trade Ali Abu Raghib and his Israeli counterpart Michel Harish at Tiberias on Nov. 1.

The agreement calls for preferential treatment and reduces customs and taxes for products listed in annexes to the accord. The preferential treatment and reduced customs and taxes take immediate effect.

The accord also calls for setting up joint committees to work on expanding trade ties. Crown Prince Hassan said after the meeting with Mr. Peres that this issue was an important topic for discussions with the Israeli foreign minister during the talks.

The agreement is expected to be signed by Interior Minister Salameh Hammad and his Israeli counterpart Yehud Barak along with the trade accord in Tiberias.

The transport accord, which will allow the entry of Jordanian and Israeli vehicles into each other's territory 30 days after the agreements take effect, will be signed by Transport Minister Samir Kawar and his Israeli counterpart Yisrael Kessar in Haifa in early November.

Bus services connecting Amman, Irbid and Ajaba with the Israeli cities of Tel Aviv, Haifa, Nazareth and Ajaba will begin 45 days after the accord is signed.

The transport agreement includes a key section on civil aviation that will clear the way for direct flights between the two sides as well as granting each other overflight rights. It will also allow for Israeli use of the port of Ajaba and Jordanian use of the Israeli ports of Haifa and Ashdod, according to the Jerusalem Post, an English-language Israeli daily.

Royal Jordanian, the national carrier, started using Israeli airspace in May 1995 under an interim agreement, which is firming up in the transport accord.

According to the Post, RJ flew about 200 flights a month through Israeli airspace in May 1995 under an interim agreement, which is firming up in the transport accord.

The two sides have agreed to expand the Ajaba airport with a main building and two terminals to serve Jordan and Israel. The